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Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg  
Chairman  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Dr. Seaborg:

The members of the beryllium industry who were present at our recent meeting join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to you and to Commissioners Ramey and Tape for devoting such a generous portion of your busy schedule to a discussion of the beryllium situation.

We were especially grateful for the opportunity to discuss this matter fully and frankly in the presence of your staff. Such open exploration of all the facets of an admittedly complex situation cannot help but assist in arriving at a better understanding of the problem.

In this connection, we would like to clarify one portion of our statement which seemed to be a matter of concern to the Commissioners. In stating that "the decision to return to in-house fabrication of beryllium represents a bad faith reversal of AEC's 1956-59 position", we did not intend to imply that anyone in the AEC had acted in bad faith, and most certainly not the Commissioners themselves.

We realize that the actions of your staff were based upon a conscientious effort to do what was considered by each, in the light of his respective responsibility, to be in the best interests of the AEC. However, these individual actions can only be viewed by us in the light of their collective effect, which, if ratified by the Commissioners, would be to reverse the AEC's previous policy. This, it seems to us, would be a breach of the AEC's commitment to the beryllium industry - which commitment was the basis for investment of millions of dollars of stockholders funds.

It was precisely for that reason that we requested the Commissioners to review these actions in the context of an overall agency policy as opposed to the more immediate and limited viewpoint of the operating management.

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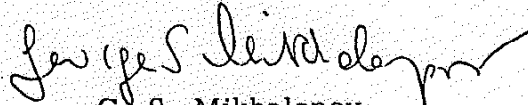
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We hope this explanation of our statement clarifies any misunderstanding that may have arisen and that the information developed during the meeting will convince you of the merits of the industry's position in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

  
G. S. Mikhalapov  
Chairman of the Board

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